

Listing of Claims

1-9. (canceled)

10. (new) An applicator comprising:

a reservoir adapted to contain a fluid;

a pad in fluid communication with the reservoir; and

a tab serving to seal the fluid reservoir at a breakable connection,

wherein the reservoir comprises a wall which is adapted to flex sufficiently under pressure from an operator's finger to force fluid from the reservoir into the pad, the tab includes a stem attached to the applicator at the breakable connection, the pad includes a channel for slidably receiving the stem, the tab stem passes through the pad, and the breakable connection is formed of friable material such that the bending of the tab relative to the applicator causes breaking of the breakable connection to allow passage of fluid from the reservoir into the pad.

11. (new) The applicator of Claim 10, wherein the channel is oval in cross-section.

12. (new) The applicator of Claim 10, wherein the fluid is a sterilizable fluid.

13. (new) The applicator of Claim 10, wherein the fluid is a sterilizable tissue adhesive for surgical applications.

14. (new) The applicator of Claim 10, wherein the fluid comprises a cyanoacrylate ester adhesive.

15. (new) The applicator of Claim 10, wherein the fluid comprises butyl or octyl cyanoacrylate, or mixture of butyl and octyl cyanoacrylates.

16. (new) The applicator of Claim 10 wherein the tab has a twist-off portion that protrudes from the pad.

17. (new) A method for applying a fluid onto mammalian skin which method comprises:

a) selecting an applicator comprising:

a reservoir adapted to contain the fluid;

a pad in fluid communication with the reservoir; and

a tab serving to seal the fluid reservoir at a breakable connection, wherein breaking of the breakable connection allows passage of fluid from the reservoir into the pad;

b) manipulating the tab thereby breaking the seal formed by the tab such that fluid in the reservoir flows into the pad;

c) applying the fluid from the pad onto the skin.

18. (new) A method for applying a fluid onto mammalian skin which method comprises:

a) selecting an applicator comprising:

a reservoir itself comprising a wall which flexes under pressure from an operator's finger and being adapted to contain the fluid;

a pad in fluid communication with the reservoir; and

a tab serving to seal the fluid reservoir at a breakable connection, wherein breaking of the breakable connection allows passage of fluid from the reservoir into the pad;

b) manipulating the tab thereby breaking the seal formed by the tab such that fluid in the reservoir flows into the pad;

c) applying finger pressure onto the flexible wall of the reservoir to cause it to flex sufficiently to force fluid from the reservoir into the pad; and

d) applying the fluid from the pad onto the skin.